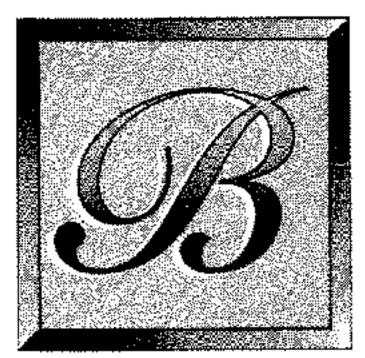
WATERWORKS DISTRICT NO. 2 OF WARD 4 OF CALCASIEU PARISH, LOUISIANA Westlake, Louisiana

Financial Statements August 31, 2003 and 2002

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Board of Commissioners of Waterworks District No. 2 of Ward 4 of Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana Westlake, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of Waterworks District No. 2 of Ward 4 of Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, a component unit of the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, as of and for the years ended August 31, 2003 and 2002, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of the District's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our report dated December 2, 2002, we expressed an opinion that the August 31, 2002 financial statements were fairly stated except for any possible adjustments that may have been necessary due to bond covenants, which we were unable to test during our audit. It has since been determined that no covenants exist on the bonds in question. Accordingly, our present opinion on the August 31, 2002 financial statements, as presented herein, is different from that expressed in our previous report.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Waterworks District No. 2 of Ward 4 of Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana as of August 31, 2003 and 2002, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As described in Note 1 to the financial statements, the District adopted the provisions of Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – For State and Local Governments. This resulted in a change in the format and content of the financial statements as of August 31, 2002.

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The Management's Discussion and Analysis on pages 3 through 6 is not a required part of the financial statements but is supplementary information required by the Governmental Accounting Standards Board. We have applied certain limited procedures, which consisted principally of inquiries of management regarding the methods of measurement and presentation of the supplementary information. However, we did not audit the information and express no opinion on it.

In accordance with Government Auditing Standards, we have also issued a report dated January 25, 2004, on our consideration of Waterworks District 2 of Ward 4 of Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana's internal control structure and compliance with laws and regulations. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with Government Auditing Standards and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of our audit.

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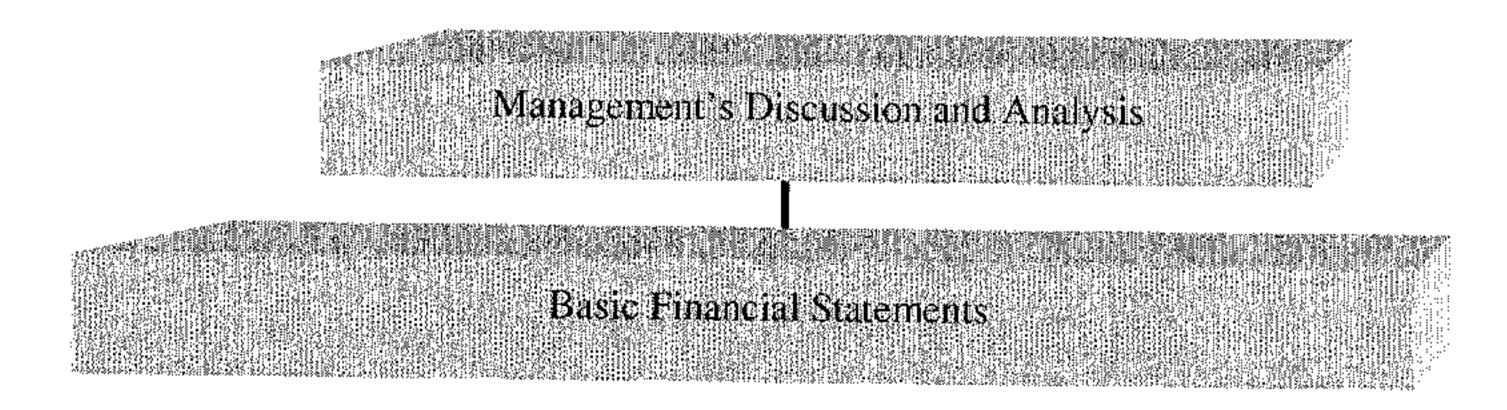
The Management's Discussion and Analysis of the Waterworks District No. 2 of Ward 4 of Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana's (the District) financial performance presents a narrative overview and analysis of the District's financial activities for the year ended August 31, 2003. This document focuses on the current year's activities, resulting changes, and currently known facts in comparison with the prior year's information. Please read this document in conjunction with the additional information contained in the financial statements.

FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

- The District's assets exceeded its liabilities at the close of fiscal year 2003 by \$387,841 which represents a 30% increase from last fiscal year. Of this amount, \$175,850 (unrestricted net assets) may be used to meet the District's ongoing obligations to its users.
- ★ The District's revenue increased \$89,819 (or 49.7%) and the net results from activities increased by \$53,587.

OVERVIEW OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The following graphic illustrates the minimum requirements for Special Purpose Governments Engaged in Business-Type Activities established by Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement 34, Basic Financial Statements—and Management's Discussion and Analysis—for State and Local Governments.



These financial statements consist of two sections - Management's Discussion and Analysis (this section) and the basic financial statements (including the notes to the financial statements).

Basic Financial Statements

The basic financial statements present information for the District as a whole, in a format designed to make the statements easier for the reader to understand. The statements in this section include the Balance Sheet; the Statement of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets; and the Statement of Cash Flows.

The <u>Balance Sheets</u> (pages 7 - 8) presents the current and long term portions of assets and liabilities separately. The difference between total assets and total liabilities is net assets and may provide a useful indicator of whether the financial position of the District is improving or deteriorating.

The <u>Statement of Revenues</u>, <u>Expenses</u>, and <u>Changes in Net Assets</u> (page 9) presents information showing how the District's assets changed as a result of current year operations. Regardless of when cash is affected, all changes in net assets are reported when the underlying transactions occur. As a result, there are transactions included that will not affect cash until future fiscal periods.

The <u>Cash Flow Statement</u> (pages <u>10</u> - <u>11</u>) presents information showing how the District's cash changed as a result of current year operations. The cash flow statement is prepared using the direct method and includes the reconciliation of operating income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities (indirect method) as required by GASB 34.

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS OF THE ENTITY

	2003	2002	2001
Current and other assets	\$ 192,276	\$ 100,102	\$ 78,352
Capital assets	534,918	549.317	564,579
Total assets	\$ 727,194	\$ 649,419	\$ 642,931
Other liabilities	8 29,326	\$ 28,290	\$ 28.161
Long-term debt outstanding	310,027	322,927	336.026
Total liabilities	339,353	351.217	364.187
Net assets:			
Invested capital assets, net of debt	211,991	214,291	217.079
Unrestricted	175,850	83,911	61,665
Total net assets	387,841	298,202	278,744
Total liabilities and net assets	\$ 727,194	\$ 649,419	\$ 642.931

Unrestricted net assets are those that do not have any limitations on how these amounts may be used.

Net assets of the District increased by \$89,639, or 30%, from August 31, 2002 to August 31, 2003.

	2003	2002	2001
Operating revenues Operating expenses	S 241,146 (180,550)	\$ 167,921 (160,912)	\$ 170,553 (161,650)
Operating income (loss)	60,596	7,009	8,903
Non-operating revenues (expenses)	29,043	12,449	11,943
Net increase (decrease) in net assets before extraordinary item	\$ 89,639	S 19,458	\$ 20,846
Extraordinary item - gain on debt restruction	<u> - 0 - </u>	-0-	24,708
Net increase (decrease) in met assets	\$ 89,639	\$ 19,458	\$ 45,554

CAPITAL ASSET AND DEBT ADMINISTRATION

Capital Assets

As of August 31, 2003, the District had \$534,918, net of accumulated depreciation, invested in a broad range of capital assets, including truck and equipment, distribution system, and building and improvements. (See Table below). This amount represents a net decrease (including additions and deductions) of \$14,399, or 2.6%, over last year.

	2003	2003 2002		2003 2002 20	
Truck and Equipment	\$ 44,716	\$ 40,601	\$ 39,301		
Distribution System	889,061	886,661	878,466		
Building and Improvements	46,249	43,727	43,727		
Less Accumulated Depreciation	(445,108)	(421,672)	(396,915)		
Totals	\$ 534,918	\$ 549,317	\$ 564,579		

This year's Major Capital additions included above were:

•	Security system	\$2,522
•	Computer equipment	\$1,800

Debt

The District had \$322,927 in bonds outstanding at year-end, compared to \$335,026 last year, a decrease of 3.6 %. A summary of this debt is shown in the table below.

Outstanding Debt at Year-end

	2003	2002	2001
Revenue Bonds	\$ 322,927	\$ 335,026	\$ 347,500

During the fiscal year ending 2001, the District restructured its revenue bonds to establish a more favorable repayment schedule.

The District's Revenue bonds are un-rated.

CONTACTING THE DISTRICT'S MANAGEMENT

This financial report is designed to provide our citizens, taxpayers, customers and creditors with a general overview of the District's finances and to show the District's accountability for the money it receives. If you have questions about this report or need additional financial information, contact Sandra Duhon, Executive Secretary, Waterworks District No. 2 of Wards 4 of Calcasieu Parish.

Westlake, Louisiana Balance Sheets As of August 31,

		2003		2002
ASSETS				
CURRENT ASSETS				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	142,525	\$	76,615
Accounts receivable (net of allowance for				
doubtful accounts of \$-0- for 2003 and 2002)		31,266		17,180
Interest receivable		40		40
Prepaid insurance	<u> </u>	11,954		214
Total Current Assets		185,785		94,049
RESTRICTED ASSETS Cash - meter deposits		6,491		6,053
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PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT Truck and equipment		44716		10.001
Distributions system		44,716		40,601
Building and improvements		889,061 46,249		886,661 43,727
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Less: accumulated depreciation		980,026 (445,108)		970,989
2000. accamatance depreciation		(445,100)		(421,672)
Net Property, Plant, and Equipment		534,918	*****	549,317
TOTAL ASSETS	\$	727,194	\$	649,419

Westlake, Louisiana Balance Sheets (Continued) As of August 31,

	2003		2002	
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS				
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Accounts payable	\$	864	\$	683
Accrued interest payable		4,339		4,502
Sales tax payable		855		415
Payroll tax payable		778		726
Accrued wages and vacation payable		3,099		3,812
Current portion of revenue bonds		12,900		12,099
Total Current Liabilities	**************************************	22,835		22,237
CURRENT LIABILITIES (Payable from Restricted Assets) Meter deposits payable		6,491		6,053
LONG-TERM LIABILITIES Revenue bonds - net of current portion		310,027		322,927
Total Liabilities		339,353		351,217
NET ASSETS Investment in capital assets, net of related debt Unrestricted		211,991 175,850		214,291 83,911
Total Net Assets		387,841	***************************************	298,202
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS	\$	727,194	\$	649,419

Westlake, Louisiana

Statements of Revenues, Expenses, and Changes in Net Assets For The Years Ended August 31,

	2003			2002	
OPERATING REVENUES			- , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		
Water sales and related fees	\$	241,146	\$	167,921	
OPERATING EXPENSES					
Salaries and wages		53,319		50,976	
Maintenance - plant		27,903		9,654	
Plant supplies		5,655		11,778	
Utilities		7,738		6,934	
Chemicals		4,495		5,054	
Computer fees		870		1,637	
Truck expense		2,103		3,304	
Telephone		4,170		3,791	
Accounting		4,634		4,000	
Insurance		12,992		9,286	
Payroll taxes		4,325		3,989	
Office expense		4,222		5,613	
Depreciation		23,436		24,757	
Per diem - board members		3,300		3,230	
Employee benefits		3,152		2,400	
Interest expense		17,685		13,689	
Other		551		820	
Total Operating Expenses		180,550		160,912	
INCOME (LOSS) FROM OPERATIONS		60,596		7,009	
NON OPERATING REVENUES (EXPENSES)					
Miscellaneous income (expense)		28,305		12,145	
Interest income		738		304	
Total Non Operating Revenues (Expenses)		29,043		12,449	
CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	- 	89,639		19,458	
NET ASSETS - BEGINNING OF YEAR		298,202		278,744	
NET ASSETS - END OF YEAR	\$	387,841	\$	298,202	

Westlake, Louisiana Statements of Cash Flows For The Years Ended August 31,

		2003		2002
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES: Receipts from customers and users Payments to suppliers Payments to employees Other	\$	227,060 (108,625) (60,432) 438)	166,976 (79,151) (52,903) 802
Net Cash Provided (Used) for Operating Activities		58,441		35,724
CASH FLOWS FROM CAPITAL AND RELATED FINANCING ACTIVITIES: Capital acquisitions Principal payment on bonds		(9,037) (12,099)		(9,495) (12,474)
Net Cash Provided (Used) for Capital and Related Financing Activities		(21,136)		(21,969)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES: Miscellaneous income (expense) Interest income		28,305 738		12,145 304
Net Cash Provided (Used) for Investing Activities		29,043		12,449
NET INCREASE (DECREASE) IN CASH AND EQUIVALENTS		66,348		26,204
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS - BEGINNING OF YEAR		82,668		56,464
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS - END OF YEAR	\$	149,016	\$	82,668
CASH AND EQUIVALENTS: Unrestricted Restricted	\$	142,525 6,491	\$	76,615 6,053
	\$	149,016	\$	82,668
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Westlake, Louisiana Statements of Cash Flows (Continued) For The Years Ended August 31,

	2003		2002	
RECONCILIATION OF OPERATING INCOME TO NET CASH PROVIDED (USED) FOR OPERATING ACTIVITIES:				
Operating income (loss)	S	60,596	\$	7,009
Adjustments to reconcile operating income to	Ť	00,070	Ψ	7,007
net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation		23,436		24,757
(Increase) decrease in receivables		(14,086)		(945)
(Increase) decrease in prepaid insurance		(11,740)		5,399
Increase (decrease) in accounts payable		181		(5,489)
Increase (decrease) in other accrued expenses		54		4,993
Total Adjustments		(2,155)		28,715
Net Cash Provided (Used) for				······································
Operating Activities		58,441		35,724
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE:				
Cash paid for interest	\$ 	17,848	\$	11,026
				

Westlake, Louisiana Notes to Financial Statements August 31, 2003 and 2002

Note I - <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies</u>

Waterworks District 2 of Ward 4 of Calcasieu Parish was created by ordinance of the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury in 1965. The District is governed by a board of five members who are appointed by the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury.

The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") as applied to governmental units. The Governmental Accounting Standards Board ("GASB") is the accepted standard setting body for establishing governmental accounting and financial reporting principles.

GASB No. 20 requires that governments' proprietary activities apply all applicable GASB pronouncements as well as the following pronouncements issued on or before November 30, 1989, unless those pronouncements conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements: Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") Statements and Interpretations, Accounting Principles Board Opinions and Accounting Research Bulletins. Governments are given the option whether or not to apply all FASB Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989, except for those that conflict with or contradict GASB pronouncements. The district has elected not to implement FASB Statements and Interpretations issued after November 30, 1989, unless they are adopted by GASB.

FINANCIAL REPORTING ENTITY

As more fully described in paragraph one above, Waterworks District 2 of Ward 4 of Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, is governed by a board appointed by the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury.

As the governing authority of the parish, for reporting purposes, the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury is the financial reporting entity for Calcasieu Parish. The financial reporting entity consists of: (a) the primary government (police jury), (b) organizations for which the primary government is financially accountable, and (c) other organizations for which the nature and significance of their relationship with the primary government are such that exclusion would cause the reporting entity's financial statements to be misleading or incomplete.

Governmental Accounting Standards Board (GASB) Statement No. 14 established criteria for determining which component units should be considered part of the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury for financial reporting purposes. The basic criterion for including a potential component unit within the reporting entity is financial accountability. The GASB has set forth criteria to be considered in determining financial accountability. This criteria includes:

Westlake, Louisiana Notes to Financial Statements (Continued) August 31, 2003 and 2002

Note 1 - <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)</u>

- 1. Appointing a voting majority of an organization's governing body, and:
 - a. The ability of the police jury to impose its will on that organization and/or;
 - b. The potential for the organization to provide specific financial benefits to or impose specific financial burdens on the police jury.
- 2. Organizations for which the police jury does not appoint a voting majority, but are fiscally dependent on the police jury.
- 3. Organizations for which the reporting entity financial statements would be misleading if data of the organization is not included because of the nature or significance of the relationship.

Because the police jury appoints a voting majority of the district's board members, the district was determined to be a component unit of the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, the financial reporting entity. The accompanying financial statements present information only on the funds maintained by the district and do not present information on the police jury, the general government services provided by the police jury, or the other governmental units that comprise the financial reporting entity.

FUND ACCOUNTING

The accounts of the district are organized on the basis of a proprietary fund, which is considered a separate accounting entity or enterprise fund. Enterprise funds are used to account for operations (a) that are financed and operated in a manner similar to private business enterprises - where the intent of the governing body is that the costs (expenses, including depreciation) of providing goods or services to the general public on a continuing basis be financed or recovered primarily through user charges; or (b) where the governing body has decided that periodic determination of revenues earned, expenses incurred, and/or net income is appropriate for capital maintenance, public policy, management control, accountability, or other purposes.

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING

The District has implemented GASB Statement No. 34, Basic Financial Statements – and Management's Discussion and Analysis – For State and Local Governments.

The district uses the accrual basis of accounting. The revenues are recognized when they are earned, and expenses are recognized when incurred.

Westlake, Louisiana Notes to Financial Statements (Continued) August 31, 2003 and 2002

Note 1 - <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)</u>

BASIS OF ACCOUNTING (CONTINUED)

Proprietary funds distinguish operating revenues and expenses from non-operating items. Operating revenues and expenses generally result from providing services and producing and delivering goods in connection with a proprietary fund's principal ongoing operations. The principal operating revenues of the District's enterprise fund are charges to customers for sales and services. The District also recognizes as operating revenue the portion of tap fees intended to recover the cost of connecting new customers to the system. Operating expenses for enterprise funds include the cost of sales and services, administrative expenses, and depreciation on capital assets. All revenues and expenses not meeting this definition are reported as non-operating revenues and expenses.

When both restricted and unrestricted resources are available for use, it is the District's policy to use restricted resources first, then unrestricted resources as they are needed.

PROPERTY, PLANT, AND EQUIPMENT

All fixed assets of the proprietary fund are recorded at historical costs.

Depreciation of all exhaustible property, plant, and equipment is charged as an expense against the operations. Depreciation has been provided over the estimated useful lives using the straight line method. The estimated useful lives are as follows:

Building and improvements	5 - 15	years
Plant and distribution system	5 - 50	years
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment	5 - 15	years

Depreciation amounted to \$23,436 and \$24,757 for the years ended August 31, 2003 and 2002, respectively.

The costs of normal maintenance and repairs that do not add to the value of the assets or materially extend asset lives are not capitalized.

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

The District considers all investments with an original maturity of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

USE OF ESTIMATES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Westlake, Louisiana Notes to Financial Statements (Continued) August 31, 2003 and 2002

Note 1 - <u>Summary of Significant Accounting Policies (Continued)</u>

RECLASSIFICATIONS

Certain reclassifications may have been made to the August 31, 2002 financial statements in order for them to be better compared to the August 31, 2003 financial statements.

CONCENTRATION OF CREDIT RISK

Financial instruments that potentially subject the District to concentrations of credit risk consist principally of accounts receivable, which at August 31, 2003 consisted entirely of receivables from customers. At August 31, 2003, one customer constituted 51% of the District's total accounts receivable.

MAJOR CUSTOMERS

During the year ended August 31, 2003, 58% of the District's billings were to one customer

Note 2 - Bonds Payable

Waterworks District 2 of Ward 4 of Calcasieu Parish issued \$355,000 of Revenue Bonds on September 1, 1970 that were purchased by the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The interest rate on the bonds is 5.375%.

An agreement between the District and the U. S. Department of Housing and Urban Development was reached effective April 13, 2001. This agreement restructured the outstanding debt creating a new repayment plan and forgiving all outstanding interest due as of the date of the agreement. This resulted in a one time extraordinary gain of \$24,708 and an extension of the repayment period to December 1, 2019. The annual requirements to amortize the bonds as of August 31, 2003, are as follows:

Year Ending			
August 31,	Principal	Interest	Total
2004	\$ 12,900	\$ 17,100	\$ 30,000
2005	13,515	16,485	30,000
2006	14,251	15,749	30,000
2007	15,028	14,972	30,000
2008	15,846	14,154	30,000
2009-2013	93,159	56,841	150,000
2014-2018	121,451	28,549	150,000
2019-2020	36,777	2,050_	38,827
Total	\$ 322,927	\$ 165,900	\$ 488,827

Westlake, Louisiana Notes to Financial Statements (Continued) August 31, 2003 and 2002

Note 2 - <u>Bonds Payable (Continued)</u>

The following is a summary of revenue bond payable transactions of the District for the year ended August 31, 2003:

Outstanding at September 1, 2002	\$ 335,026
Bonds Retired	(12,099)
Outstanding at August 31, 2003	\$ 322,927

Note 3 - <u>Meeting Expense</u>

Members of the Board of Commissioners are paid a per diem allowance for attending board meetings. The total expense for meetings during the current year is as follows:

Alvin Simmons	\$	780
Vera Mercier		-0-
Della Smith		300
Raymond Malveaux		780
Edgar Mouton, Jr.		660
Leroy Blunt	_	780
Total	\$	3,300

Note 4 - <u>Capital Assets</u>

Capital asset activity for the year ended August 31, 2003, was as follows:

	Beginning			Ending
	Balances	Increases	Decreases	Balances
Capital Assets Being Depreciated:				
Truck and Equipment	\$ 40,601	\$ 4,115	\$ -0-	\$ 44,716
Distribution System	886,661	2,400	- 0 -	889,061
Building and Improvements	43,727	2,522	- 0 -	46,249
Total Capital Assets Being		-#		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Depreciated	970,989	9,037	~ O -	980,026
Less Accumulated Depreciation	421,672	23,436	~ O ~	445,108
Total Capital Assets being				
Depreciated, Net of Depreciation	\$ 549,317	\$ (14,399)	\$ -0-	\$ 534,918

Note 5 - Risk Management

The District is exposed to various risks of loss related to torts; theft of, damage to, and destruction of assets; and natural disasters for which the District carries commercial insurance.

Westlake, Louisiana Notes to Financial Statements (Continued) August 31, 2003 and 2002

Note 6 - Cash and Cash Equivalents

At August 31, 2003, the District had cash in one local bank (book balance) totaling \$149,016.

Under state law, these deposits (or the resulting bank balances) must be secured by federal deposit insurance or the pledge of securities owned by the fiscal agent bank. The market value of the pledged securities plus the federal deposit insurance must at all times equal the amount of deposit with the fiscal agent. These securities are held in the name of the pledging agent bank in a holding or custodial bank that is mutually acceptable to both parties. At August 31, 2003, the District had \$142,578 in deposits (collected bank balances). These deposits are secured from risk by \$100,000 of federal deposit insurance and \$135,713 of pledged securities held by the custodial bank in the name of the fiscal agent bank (GASB Category 3).

Even though the pledged securities are considered uncollateralized (Category 3) under the provisions of GASB Statement 3, Louisiana Revised Statute 39:1229 imposes a statutory requirement on the custodial bank to advertise and sell the pledged securities within 10 days of being notified by the District that the fiscal agent has failed to pay deposited funds upon demand.

Note 7 - <u>Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) Plan</u>

The District sponsors a Simplified Employee Pension (SEP) Plan. Employer contributions under this Plan shall be at the Employer's discretion and based upon the total compensation of each participant. Eligibility requires the employee to have attained the age of twenty-one (21) and to have performed services for the employer in three of the five plan years immediately preceding the plan year for which the contribution is to be made. Contributions were \$3,152 in 2003 and \$2,400 in 2002.



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS

Board of Commissioners Waterworks District 2 of Ward 4 of Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana Westlake, Louisiana

We have audited the financial statements of the Waterworks District 2 of Ward 4 of Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, as of and for the year ended August 31, 2003, and have issued our report thereon dated January 25, 2004. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in Government Auditing Standards, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether Waterworks District 2 of Ward 4 of Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we performed tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grants, noncompliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and, accordingly, we do not express such an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered Waterworks District 2 of Ward 4 of Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana's internal control over financial reporting in order to determine our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. However, we noted certain matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that we consider to be reportable conditions. Reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control over financial reporting that, in our judgment, could adversely affect Waterworks District 2 of Ward 4 of Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. Reportable conditions are described in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items B 2003-1 and 2003-2.

Board of Commissioners Waterworks District 2 of Ward 4 of Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana

A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control that might be reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses. We consider the reportable conditions noted in the accompanying schedule of findings and questioned costs as items B 2003-1 and 2003-2 to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information of the management of Waterworks District 2 of Ward 4 of Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana, the Legislative Auditor of the State of Louisiana, and the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury and is not intended to be and should not be used by anyone other than these specified parties. Under Louisiana Revised Statute 24:513, this report is distributed by the Legislative Auditor as a public document.

Brown

Lake Charles, Louisiana January 25, 2004

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Westlake, Louisiana Schedule of Findings and Questioned Costs For the Year Ended August 31, 2003

A. Summary of Independent Auditor's Results:

- 1. Unqualified opinion on financial statements.
- 2. Reportable conditions in internal control Refer to B 2003-1 and B 2003-2.
- 3. No instances of noncompliance noted.

B. GAGAS Findings:

2003-1 <u>Lack of Segregation of Duties</u>

<u>Finding:</u> There appears to be a lack of segregation of duties with respect to the accounting functions of the District.

Cause: Due to the size of the staff, it is not always feasible to segregate duties.

Effect: The possibility of unauthorized transactions being processed exists.

<u>Recommendation:</u> We recommend that the District's board continue to perform independent review of the items processed through the accounting system in order to strengthen its internal controls.

Management Response: The board of directors shall perform an independent review of items processed through the accounting system in order to strengthen its internal controls.

2003-2 <u>Cash and Cash Equivalents</u>

<u>Finding</u>: During our audit we noted that the District is not reconciling cash balances to the general ledger.

<u>Cause</u>: Failure of client personnel to follow prescribed procedures.

Effect: The possibility exists that cash could be misstated or misappropriated without being detected in a timely manner.

Recommendation: We recommend that cash accounts be reconciled on a monthly basis.

Response: The District concurs with the above recommendation. The board will review reconciliations on a monthly basis.

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C. Prior Year Findings

2002-1 <u>Lack of Segregation of Duties</u>

Finding: There appears to be a lack of segregation of duties with respect to the accounting functions of the District.